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Dear Friend:

I am writing first of all to thank you for the interest you have shown in our Negro Baseball. I am fully aware of the fact you do not need the baseball, but believe me it needs you. I could easily understand, and not feel badly about your action, if you refused to become involved in the situation I have asked you to. On the other hand, I appealed to you as a Negro, I believe to be interested in the future of his race.

I decided to drop you this note, as we received a notice our league meeting would be held January 3rd, 1PM, at The York Hotel in Baltimore. If you have not established contact with Gottlieb by now, you will still have time to do so. Once before Ed. Bolden nominated you for Chairman. If we could get him to do that again, it would solve the whole problem. I am sure he would not do it without Gottlieb's approval however.

I am certainly putting a big load on your shoulders, but I honestly feel whether Negro Baseball goes forward or backward, depends on what happens now. I believe too a good Chairman should be worth a lot of money. On the other hand he will have to arrange for the money to be made and put in the treasury.

If you care to talk to Randy Dixon, he can give you a whole lot of information. He was at one time quite interested in the Negro Baseball. I believe he has grown a little discouraged, and has not had much to say about it recently. I believe he can give you a very good picture however, if he will.

If you want to get in touch with me call Market 3-0555. No one will answer the phone but me or Mr Manley. He answers very rarely.

Hopefully Yours